

PLANT SEIZED HERE TO BE TURNED BACK

Schutte, Koerting Co. Works to Go to Mrs. Adelbert Fischer Early in 1921

STOCK DEAL BEFORE WAR

The government-seized plant of the Schutte & Koerting Co., Twelfth and Thompson streets, will be turned back by the alien property custodian to Mrs. Adelbert Fischer early in 1921, or just as soon as certain details yet remaining to be worked out can be completed.

This was stated today by Francis Shunk Brown, attorney, after word was received of a conference in Washington last week, at which testimony was presented which showed that Koerting, as testimony a letter indicating a transfer of stock in the plant to Mrs. Fischer at a date preceding the entrance of this country into the war against Germany.

The plant was seized by the government immediately upon the entrance of this country into the war, and has been operated since under management appointed by the alien property custodian. These officials and board of directors held no stock in the corporation and received no salaries other than a moderate fee for attendance at the meetings of the directors.

Under their management the firm did a business in excess of \$2,000,000 per year, paid \$400,000 in taxes in a single year.

Charles R. Calwell, president of the Corn Exchange National Bank, was selected to be president of the operating company, and among his associates on the board of directors were E. Pusey Passmore, president of the Bank of North America and formerly head of the Federal Reserve Bank; David H. H. Baker, a manufacturer, and Ralph Baker, the latter an attorney of Harrisburg and a close friend of A. Mitchell Palmer.

Officials Reluctant About Case. Officials of the company and legal representatives were reticent in discussing the case. Mr. Brown when asked about the matter, said:

"It is hardly in shape yet for a public announcement. There are details remaining to be worked out, along legal lines—releases, among other things. The final hearing in the matter has been held, and there is nothing more to be presented. Only the final details remain."

"The return of this stock is simply a matter of justice to Mrs. Fischer. It is merely a legal proceeding, similar to other proceedings along similar lines in all parts of the country. Mrs. Fischer has established without dispute her legal claim. There is absolutely nothing which can be construed in any way as irregular, or sensational, in connection with the matter; nothing that can in any way subject any person to criticism."

With completion of the necessary papers the formal transfer to Mrs. Fischer will be made and that will end the matter.

From another source it was learned that consummation of these details can be made early in 1921, very likely before March 1, and that possession and control of the plant will then pass from the government, through its alien property custodian.

Plant Established in 1878. The business at Twelfth and Thompson streets was started in 1878 under the name of Schutte & Koerting Co. Partners being L. Schutte and John G. Koerting. Koerting withdrew in 1882. Upon the death of Schutte, in 1906, his holdings were acquired by Ernest Koerting of Hanover, Germany, and his interests in this country were looked after by Adelbert Fischer, his son-in-law.

When the United States entered the war an effort was made to compel the concern's ownership. Mrs. Koerting giving a note for the stock, in amount of \$150,000, and payable in 1921.

Mr. Palmer ordered seizure of the plant after a hearing had developed that the Schutte & Koerting Co. is owned entirely by interests in Germany, and that an effort to convert from a limited liability company to a corporation in the United States government the enemy character of the property had been made through the note for \$150,000, payable in 1921, and alleged as the price of common stock in the company held by Mrs. Fischer.

Adelbert Fischer, son-in-law of Koerting, and declared to have been at one time a reserve officer in the German army, was interned because of alleged complicity in the smuggling of chronometers from two interned German raiders at the Philadelphia Navy Yard.

GIRL SCOUTS WIN BADGES



Miss Helen Perell being presented with an honorary medal by Miss Mary Ellen Cassatt at the court of honor held on Saturday

PENN MUSICIANS OFFENDED

Say They Were Not Justly Treated at School Dance. Members of the University of Pennsylvania musical clubs are indignant at the treatment they say was accorded to them Friday evening when they gave a concert at the Beechwood School for Girls, Jenkintown. The members term the attitude of Miss Rebecca Hochgesang, hostess at the school, as "narrow, critical and antagonistic to the students from the University."

The clubs' concert was followed by a dance. The dance was stopped upon orders by Miss Hochgesang. Eimer Carlson, the manager of the musical clubs, made the following statement today: "Miss Hochgesang said at first that the program given by the clubs was not up to the usual standard, but this same program has received the hearty endorsement of both critics and the public wherever it has been given."

Miss Hochgesang said that her attitude was narrow and critical and many of the girl students at the Beechwood School were highly displeased by her actions toward us. The management of the musical clubs will meet and issue an official statement as to their sentiment regarding this most unpleasant happening."

CHILDREN TAUGHT HEALTH

Clinic's Visitor, 7 Graduates After Gaining Sixteen Pounds. Tea or coffee and bread are no sort of a breakfast for any one, especially a child.

No the state Department of Health is teaching sunny Philadelphia children through its children's clinic at 1724 Cherry street.

Seven-year-old John Rohman, who last October was sixteen pounds underweight, is the first to "graduate" from the clinic. He received a prize today because he has taken such good care of himself and brought his weight up to normal.

More than thirty-five children are now being taken care of at this clinic, which is under the direction of Mrs. A. M. Stokes. The children are referred there from the Red Cross, the Catholic Children's Bureau, the City Children's Bureau and the public schools.

The children report at the clinic each week and are each time weighed and measured. They themselves keep a record at rest, play and exercise periods during the week, and what they have eaten. A chart is kept for each child to show his development. A red star is given when he keeps all his rest periods properly and a blue star is pasted on the record sheet for proper lunches. If the child does not improve under the instructions he is examined again and given medical aid. The clinic is open to all children of school age.

Stranded Tanker Floated

The American tanker J. W. Vandyke, bound from Port Linn, Texas, to Point Breeze, with a cargo of oil, which went aground below Eddystone, was floated today with the aid of five tugs.

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SAYS CHINA WHIPS ITS CHILD THIEVES

Returned Missionary Declares Orientals Can Teach Us How to Treat Offenders

WANTS DRESS REFORMED

"If the fever of juvenile crime that is afflicting Philadelphia and other American cities had developed in Peking, Canton or anywhere else in China, the Chinese would have handled the culprits very differently from the Americans," says Mrs. Henry McCandless, a missionary from Hoihow, Island of Hainan, China, who is visiting in Philadelphia.

"Instead of the miscreants being talked about as rather interesting and original, and posing as heroes in the court scenes, these youthful offenders would have been given a very thorough and never-to-be-forgotten thrashing with cat-o-nine tails," said Mrs. McCandless. "I firmly believe that treatment would go far toward effecting a cure."

"While we are teaching the Chinese there are many lessons we may profitably learn from them. One is respect for ancestors—if only as far back as parents—and regard for authority. We missionaries are devoting our lives to trying to save China with the religion of the Christ, and then when we return to America we find an appalling lack of spiritual teaching in the homes. That, in my opinion, is what is the matter with the children."

"Another thing: The Chinese are modest people, and I blush for Americans when I see the way many of the women here dress. I told an audience the other day that the next time I visited America I expected to find women dressing like aborigines from Siam, who wear short jackets and very tight and abbreviated skirts reaching half way between the hips and the knees."

"For the rest," she added with a twinkle in her eye, "they wear bare skin stockings."

In speaking of Chinese customs, Mrs. McCandless mentioned the summary punishment administered by the irate husband when his wife clothes.

"Before he settles with the man—which is usually to a finish—he cuts off his wife's ear," she said. "This proclaims her guilt and she immediately loses standing. No doubt her sister women complete her punishment, but however that may be, these escapades are of rare occurrence."

Mrs. McCandless is the daughter of Bishop Kerr, the first Protestant missionary to China, where she was born. She is the wife of a medical missionary.

She spoke in praise of the progress of the women of China educationally. "It is surprising," she said, "how far advanced the feminist movement is along all avenues that are open to them and are making good, too, wherever they have been tried."

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Man Who Fled Moyamensing Prison Two Years Ago Nabbed as Robber

Richard Page, twenty-one years old, of 249 East Myrtle street, who escaped from Moyamensing prison nearly two years ago, again was placed under arrest yesterday, charged with robbing the hardware store of A. C. Satterlee, at 3422 Germantown avenue.

Page was taken to the Park and Lehigh avenues station, where he had a hearing before Magistrate Glenn and was held under \$1000 bail for court.

He will also be compelled to serve out the remainder of a five-year sentence at Moyamensing Prison on a robbery charge.

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"There was no reason for Ezra to steal," she noted severely. "Two acts of high-class vandalism were given and candy was distributed by the committee. Director of Public Safety James T. Corbett, president of the 'Cubs,' and Assistant District Attorney Maurice J. Speiser addressed the children."

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COLLINS BLDG. WALNUT ST. AT 15TH



AMBROSE M. SHERMAN. Hero fireman, who died last night as the result of repeated transfusion operations

will hurt me, I think it will do him good. Young Hawkins broke down at Central Station and confessed that he had "pulled" a number of robberies in which he and Connelly had secured thousands of dollars' worth of plunder. Detectives estimate it as exceeding \$10,000. Connelly denied implications, but police assert they have found a room on North Fifty-second street, where they discovered stolen goods. Connelly gave his address as Forty-sixth and Poplar streets. He has a wife and baby. The Connellys and Hawkins were formerly neighbors, and the younger boy has known the older since he was twelve years old.

Entertain at Jewish Foster Home

The "Cubs" Club, which began its career among the newspaper men around City Hall and has since increased its membership to prominent business men throughout the city, gave an entertainment at the Jewish Foster Home, Church Lane and Chest Street, Germantown, for the benefit of the orphans' celebration of the "Feast of the Lights."

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GIVING HIS BLOOD FATAL TO FIREMAN

Ambrose M. Sherman, Weak From Twelve Transfusions, Dies After Coughing Attack

OFTEN CITED FOR BRAVERY

Ambrose M. Sherman, acting captain of Engine Company 53, who by giving his blood in transfusion operations saved the lives of twelve or more persons in the last fifteen years, died last night in the Methodist Hospital.

Weakened by the frequent giving of blood, and this weakness aggravated by several recent "smokings" at downtown fires, Acting Captain Sherman was unable to rally from a severe coughing attack in the fire station last night. He died soon after being admitted to the hospital.

In their home at 2218 South Carlisle street his widow and four children mourn his death today, but their grief is mitigated when they recall that he served his country well and honorably in the world war, served humanity by giving his blood and served his city so well that the walls of the little living room are fairly covered with citations—recommendations for bravery, for work well accomplished.

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